

SUMMARY OF LATENT TB INFECTION (LTBI) REPORTING CHANGES

Effective August 2, 2011, the South Dakota Department of Health changed the reporting requirement for latent TB infection (LTBI) to only require reporting of patients who have one or more of the following TB risk factors:

REPORTABLE TB RISK FACTORS

- + Foreign-born persons who entered the US in the last 5 years
- + Persons evaluated for tumor necrosis factor-alpha therapy
- + Persons on immunosuppressive therapy
- + Radiographic evidence of prior TB
- + Children less than 5 years of age
- + Close contacts to infectious TB
- + HIV infection
- + Diabetes
- + Renal dialysis
- + Silicosis
- + Organ transplant
- + Head and neck cancers
- + Leukemia
- + Hodgkin's disease

Because of this change, only LTBI patients who have at least one of these risk factors will be eligible for free Department of Health TB medication and nurse case management. Health care providers should report LTBI patients who meet this reporting requirement by mailing or faxing the *Latent TB Infection (LTBI) Report Form* which is available on the Department of Health webpage: <https://doh.sd.gov/diseases/infectious/tb>.

Patients who do not meet this reporting criteria should be referred to their medical provider for evaluation and treatment at their own expense. Additional resources regarding the clinical management and treatment of LTBI patients are available on the Department of Health website to assist clinicians with non-reportable LTBI patients.

Questions regarding this reporting change can be directed to TB Program staff at 1-800-592-1861 or (605) 773-3737.